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SUBJECT: JOINT ICFTU- WCL PROTEST ON IMPRISONMENT OF QUEBEC
TRADE UNION LEADERS

REF: ECBRUSSELS 1934

1. CLC PRESIDENT DONALD MACDONALD TOLD US TODAY
(APRIL 9) THAT JOINT ICFTU/ WCL DELEGATION IS ARRIVING
QUEBEC CITY THIS EVENING AND WILL ADDRESS LABOR RALLY
THERE. DELEGATION WILL THEN PROCEED MONTREAL FOLLOWING
DAY AND DO REPEAT PERFORMANCE BEFORE ANOTHER LABOR
RALLY. MACDONALD ADDED THAT DELEGATION WITH EXCEPTION
ICFTU MEMBER MAIER IS NOT SCHEDULED COME TO OTTAWA.
MAIER WILL VISIT CLC HEADQUARTERS PRIVATELY TO REPORT
ON DELEGATION' S MEETINGS IN QUEBEC CITY AND MONTREAL.
WE HAVE ASKED CONGENS QUEBEC CITY AND MONTREAL TO
REPORT TELEGRAPHICALLY ON DELEGATION' S ACTIVITIES
IN THOSE TWO CITIES.

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2. COMMENT: REASONS GIVEN BY MAIER IN PARA. 4 REFTEL TO EXPLAIN WHY MACDONALD AFTER LONG DELAY FINALLY REQUESTED ICFTU INTERVENTION ARE FAR FROM ACTUAL TRUTH. FACT IS THAT CANADIAN PUBLIC AND TRADE UNION RANK- AND- FILE BOTH IN QUEBEC AND ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY HAVE SHOWN ALMOST TOTAL INDIFFERENCE TO IMPRISONMENT THREE QUEBEC LABOR LEADERS. IF ANYTHING, PUBLIC OPINION SOUNDING IN QUEBEC WHERE ATTITUDES REALLY MATTER WOULD PROBABLY REVEAL THAT AVERAGE CITIZEN FEELS THREE LEADERS GOT WHAT THEY DESERVED.

3. WE HAVE REPORTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS MACDONALD' S PROFOUND IRRITATION WITH POLITICAL SHENANIGANS AND GRANDSTANDING OF QUEBEC LABOR LEADERS. IT' S LIKELY HE, TOO, MAY HAVE FELT THEY SHOULD STEW IN OWN JUICE FOR A WHILE. WHEN HE DID ACT FINALLY, WE THINK IT WAS MAINLY FOR SAKE OF APPEARANCES BECAUSE CONTINUED CLC SILENCE HAD BECOME AN EMBARRASSMENT.
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